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SUBJECT: MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT

REF: (A) JCS 3144 DTG 191859Z AUG 76, (B) ARMSTRONG-
SHOESMITH TELECON

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE, EMBASSY DESIRES TO INFORM
GOJ IN ADVANCE OF THE MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE
GOJ TO SAY, IF PRESSED, THAT GOJ WAS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.
WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER ROUTINE PRECEDURES, GOJ WOULD

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BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE OF TG 77.4, REGARDLESS

OF DESTINATION.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE FOR MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT PREPARED FOR USE IN WASHINGTON IS AS FOLLOWS:

Q. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT THE CARRIER MIDWAY AND SEVERAL OTHER SHIPS HAVE DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR KOREA. IS THIS TRUE?

A. (AFTER THE FACT) A SEVENTH FLEET CARRIER TASK GROUP HEADED BY USS MIDWAY HAS DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR AT SEA OPERATIONS. WE WILL NOT DISCUSS OPERATIONAL DETAILS SUCH AS DESTINATIONS.

3. UNLESS SITUATION CHANGES, THEREFORE, USG DOES NOT INTEND TO CONFIRM THAT MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT IS RELATED TO KOREA SITUATION, AND WE THEREFORE CANNOT AUTHORIZE GOJ TO SAY ANYTHING WHICH MAKES THAT LINKAGE.

4. IF GOJ WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF MIDWAY DEPARTURE UNDER ROUTINE PROCEDURES, SUCH NOTIFICATION CAN BE MADE IN THIS INSTANCE. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED INFORM GOJ ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT MIDWAY IS BEING DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO KOREA STRAIT. HOWEVER, IF GOJ LATER WISHES TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT IT WAS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF MIDWAY DEPARTURE, IT SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC LINKAGE TO KOREA OR MENTION MIDWAY'S DESTINATION, UNLESS EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMATION THAT USG SPOKESMAN HAS IDENTIFIED DESTINATION. ROBINSON

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